

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Joe Witkowski, Duane Pierce, Delores Pierce, Louise Dahlke, Jerry Polus, Joan Brusky, Jim Haskins
EXCUSED: Chair Bernie Erickson, Ed Koslowski

****Running Total of Veterans' Certificates: 1781**

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Jerry Polus at 4:31 pm.

2. Invocation.

No invocation was given.

3. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Joe Witkowski, seconded by Delores Pierce to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. Approve/Modify Minutes of March 21, 2017.

Motion made by Joe Witkowski, seconded by Duane Pierce to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. Update re: Honor Rewards Program.

CVSO Jerry Polus informed there are currently 82 businesses participating in the Honor Rewards program. In addition, 194 cards have been issued to veterans to date. Although the requests for cards have slowed down somewhat, several requests do come in every week and overall the program is doing well.

6. Update re: 2017 Veterans' Appreciation Day at the Brown County Fair.

a. Set Timeline.

Polus informed he followed up his earlier request to the Navy Band to perform at the Appreciation Day but they acknowledged again that they cannot make a firm commitment until 60 days out so he feels it is important to have a plan b of a high school band or other group. He will continue to keep this group advised of what he hears from the Navy Band.

Dahlke said the Fair will be working to get flyers printed soon and she asked about the timeline for the event. After discussing this, it was determined that the tents would be open from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm with the ceremony being held at 3:00 pm. Dahlke also referenced a letter, a copy of which is attached, which confirms some of the things discussed at the last meeting and reiterating that the Fair Association would really like the Veterans Appreciation Day event moved to Sunday.

A discussion was also held with regard to the recognition at the event and it was confirmed that the honorees will be Purple Heart recipients and disabled veterans.

7. **Report from CVSO Jerry Polus.**

CVSO Jerry Polus reported he will be participating in an estate planning program hosted by Resurrection Lutheran Church on April 29 from 12:30 – 4:30. The ADRC, a local law group, and Proko Wall Funeral Home will also be participating in this event. This is a public seminar and will cover a number of important topics.

Polus also informed he recently received a call from the Red Cross who indicated they will be holding a blood drive on July 3 and they asked if any veterans' organizations would like to participate, more for recognition of veterans. The information provided to Polus was not very specific and he feels further discussion on this can wait until the next meeting. The initial consensus of this group was that it would probably be difficult to get a good group together because of the 4th of July weekend. This topic will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

8. **Possible Outing for PTSD Veterans.**

This item will be discussed at the next meeting as Chair Erickson was not in attendance at this meeting.

9. **Report from Committee Members Present (Erickson, Dahlke, Haskins, Koslowski, Pierce & Witkowski).**

-Dahlke did not have anything additional to report.

-Haskins reported he read on the VFW website that two Vietnam MIAs have been found and their remains are coming home. Both were killed on June 30, 1967 when their helicopter was shot down. He also talked about Vietnam Veterans Day which is observed on March 29 and is celebrated to recognize those who died in Vietnam and those who did not return.

Haskins concluded his report by reading an article about himself that appeared in his neighborhood's bulletin.

-Pierce reported that on April 22 there will be a Marine-themed Corvette on display at the Festival Foods on University Avenue. He also reported that May 6 is Military Spouse Appreciation Date. He also informed that the annual Veterans Pow Wow in Keshena will run from May 19 through May 21. This year they will be bringing up the Flame of Freedom from Mississippi. This is something that was started by the Mississippi Chapter of Rolling Thunder. He will have more information available on this at the next meeting.

-Witkowski did not have anything to report.

10. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law. None.**

11. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Jim Haskins, seconded by Duane Pierce to adjourn at 4:55 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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April 12, 2017

Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee
Mr. Bernie Erickson, Chair
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Dear Bernie:

As a follow up from your meeting of March 21st the Veteran's Appreciation at the Brown Country Fair for 2017 will be held on Saturday, August 19th. We want to confirm from that from that meeting, all future years the Veteran's Appreciation will be held on Sunday of the Fair.

We have our dates set for the next few years, in 2018 it will be August 19th, in 2019 it will be August 18th and in 2020 it will be August 16th, hopefully this will help in planning.

With having our dates scheduled out to 2020, we reached out about the possibility of getting the Huey Helicopters in. Unfortunately, the week of our Fair is the same as their Annual Open House, so unless one of our events changes their schedule we will not be able to get them at our Fair.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

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2017 Fair Dates: August 16th – 20th

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